



USDA Foreign Agricultural Service

GAIN Report

Global Agriculture Information Network

Voluntary Report - public distribution

Date: 12/01/2004

GAIN Report Number: MX4005

Mexico

Dairy and Products

Mexico Announces TRQ (cupos) for Milk Powder Imports for 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007

2004

Approved by:

William Brant

U.S. Embassy Mexico City

Prepared by:

Sal Trejo

Report Highlights:

On December 23, 2003, Mexico's Secretariat of Economy published in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" the 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 tariff rate quotas for imports of milk powder from the United States under the NAFTA.

Includes PSD Changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
Unscheduled Report
Mexico [MX1]
[MX]

Introduction: This report summarizes an official announcement published in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) on December 23, 2003.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete regulation or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

FAS/Mexico's Executive Summary: On December 23, 2003, the Secretariat of Economy (SE) published in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) the 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 tariff rate quotas for the supply of milk powder.

Tariff Classification	Description	Year	Amount of TRQ (MT)
0402.10.01	Milk in powder or tablets, containing not over 1.5 percent by weight of butterfat. Without sugars or sweeteners	2004	53,750
		2005	55,369
		2006	57,030
0402.21.01	Milk in powder or tablets, containing over 1.5 percent by weight of butterfat. Without sugars or sweeteners	2007	58,741

The mechanism through which the TRQ will be allocated is:

Direct allocation to authorized companies who use milk powder in their production process. The applications for the request of allocation of the cupos (import permits) must be submitted in form SE-03-011-1 at the General Directorate of Foreign Trade of SE.

Once the quantity to be imported is allocated under TRQ, SE will issue the respective cupos to the authorized companies. The cupo certificate must be used to import the product concerned or must be returned to the issuing office within 15 days following the expiration date of its validity period.

FAS/Mexico Note: This is NOT an invitation for bids to purchase milk powder. Rather, it is an auction of the right to import the listed product duty free. Thus, the auction is limited to Mexican companies within the industry that use milk powder in their production process. That fact notwithstanding, it affects U.S. milk powder exporters in that those Mexican importers who are granted the *cupos* will be looking for product to fill the permit shortly after the auction is announced, if not earlier.

Important Dates

1. Publication Date: December 23, 2003

2. Expiration Date: December 31, 2003

For More Information:

Fax: 011-52-5080-2130

Email: AgMexico@usda.gov

Internet Connections

FAS Mexico Web Site: We are available at <http://www.fas-la.com> or visit headquarter's home page at <http://www.fas.usda.gov> for a complete selection of FAS' worldwide agricultural reporting.

Useful Mexican Web Sites: Mexico's equivalent of the Department of Agriculture (SAGARPA) can be found at www.sagar.gob.mx and Mexico's equivalent of the Department of Commerce (SE) can be found at www.sde.gob.mx These Web sites are mentioned for the readers' convenience but USDA does NOT in any way endorse, guarantee the accuracy of, or necessarily concur with the information contained on the mentioned sites.